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1. During the period from 9 November to 2 December 1954, one Po-2 landed at Doeberitz airfield every morning. The aircraft approached from the direction of Wildpark, remained at the field for about 1 hour and then took-off and returned to the direction it had come from. One Il-10 approached the field from the south at about 1400 on 12 November and another Il-10 at about 1100 on 15 November. After one local flight, the aircraft departed heading south. The airfield was not occupied. The test stand in the southern section of the field was not in operation. The sound of engines was repeatedly heard from the test stand in the northern section of the field.¹

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3. Between 15 November and 1 December, no new recruits arrived in the Richthofen Kaserne. About 80 men were recently discharged. This increased the total number of discharges to about 180 as against 900 new arrivals. The present occupation of the installation totaled about 2,200 men. This number exceeds the previous occupation strength by about 420 men. The total strength of about 2,200 men includes 370 men who were presumably detached to Luensdorf for a review on 30 October. These detached personnel meanwhile returned to the installation. The increased occupation strength became obvious by the fact that additional quarters were newly established particularly in buildings Nos 16 and 34. It could not be determined whether the personnel exchange program is connected with the completion of the training courses. It was observed that instruction and manual training continued in the previous way and involved **both older** soldiers and recruits. Between approximately 15 and 24 November, about 25 groups of 6 to 8 soldiers each were daily engaged in drilling in the barracks area. During the practice, the supervising

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officers were sitting at tables and making notes on lists. It was believed that the examinations were held at the end of a training period or in order to determine whether the trainees could be promoted. In addition to the drilling exercises, recruits received basic training in groups of 6 to 8. A total of 250 to 300 men were involved. After 24 November, many soldiers with new grade insignia of Pfc and sub-lieutenant (cross bar on epaulet) and of re-enlisted men (silver chevron) were observed. Some of the recruits were daily involved in fatigue duty, another portion was engaged in drilling and a third portion received instruction and manual training.

4. It was observed from the outside that the billets of the NSKK Kaserne were still occupied to capacity. About 12 groups of 6 to 8 men each repeatedly received basic training in the barracks yard. Almost every morning, a group of about 40 men wearing overalls and no insignia marched from the barracks installation to the airfield. It could not be determined how long the personnel remained there.
5. Beginning on approximately 18 November, loud roaring noise presumably caused by jet engines was again heard from the test stand about 80 meters south of the highway leading to Hamburg. On 19 November, 2 German heating engineers had to do some work in the hangars in the southern section of the field. Upon their return they stated that 3 jet fighters were parked in the middle hangars, and that no aircraft but many trucks were parked in the western hangar. 1

1. Comment. Doberitz airfield is not occupied by an air unit. The Po-2 which daily landed at the field presumably was a courier plane. The 3 MiG-15s in the hangar at the southern edge of the field are presumably used for training purposes by the technical training battalion. 25X1
2. Comment. From the information on the arrival of 900 recruits against about 480 discharges it is believed that an increased number of students are trained in the air technical school located in the Richthofen Kaserne. Buildings Nos 16 and 34 which are heavily considerably heavy occupied are located in the area of the Richthofen Kaserne. 25X1

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